

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please ADD claim 32 in accordance with the following:

1-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Presented) A paper feeding apparatus of an image forming apparatus having a frame, a knock-up plate movably mounted on the frame, and a pickup roller for picking up a sheet of paper arranged in a stack of sheets of paper disposed on the knock-up plate, comprising a paper setting unit,

wherein the paper setting unit comprises:

a knock-up plate raising/lowering portion for raising and lowering the knock-up plate with respect to the pickup roller,

a first finger device disposed on the knock-up plate raising/lowering portion to contact a first corner of a leading end of a topmost sheet of paper,

a paper guide slidably disposed on the knock-up plate to guide the sheet of paper in accordance with a paper size, and

a second finger device movably disposed on the paper guide to contact a second corner of the leading end of the topmost sheet of paper,

wherein the first and second finger devices move independently from each other.

17. (Previously Presented) The paper feeding apparatus of claim 16, wherein the first finger device is disposed opposite to the second finger device with respect to the sheet of paper.

18. (Previously Presented) The paper feeding apparatus of claim 16, wherein the frame comprises a side on which the knock-up plate raising/lowering portion is rotatably disposed, and the paper guide moves toward or away from the side according to the size of the sheet of paper.

19-23. (Cancelled)

24. (Previously Presented) A paper feeding apparatus of an image forming apparatus having a frame, a knock-up plate movably mounted on the frame, and a pickup roller picking up a sheet of paper disposed on the knock-up plate, the paper feeding apparatus comprising:

a first finger device movably disposed on a first portion of the knock-up plate to contact a first end of the paper; and

a second finger device movably disposed on a second portion of the knock-up plate to contact a second end of the paper,

wherein the first and second finger devices move independently from each other.

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Original) The paper feeding apparatus of claim 24, wherein the knock-up plate comprises first and second sides disposed opposite to each other with respect to a paper feeding direction.

27. (Original) The paper feeding apparatus of claim 24, further comprising:
a knock-up plate raising/lowering portion moving with respect to the frame to raise and lower the knock-up plate with respect to the pickup roller.

28. (Original) The paper feeding apparatus of claim 27, wherein the first finger device moves according to a movement of the knock-up plate raising/lowering portion.

29. (Original) The paper feeding apparatus of claim 27, further comprising:
a paper guide slidably disposed on the knock-up plate to move toward and away from the knock-up plate raising/lowering portion according to a size of the paper disposed between the paper guide and a side of the knock-up plate.

30. (Original) The paper feeding apparatus of claim 29, wherein the knock-up plate raising/lowering portion moves in a first direction, and the paper guide moves in a second direction perpendicular to the first direction.

31. (Original) The paper feeding apparatus of claim 30, wherein the first finger device moves in the first direction, and the second finger device moves in the first and second directions.

32. (New) The paper feeding apparatus of claim 24, further comprising a paper guide slidably supported on the knock-up plate,
wherein the second portion of the knock-up plate is an open portion so that the movement of the second finger device does not interfere with the paper guide.